

# Lancaster Evaluates Teachers

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The way to evaluate the ability of a teacher is by measuring what the students of that teacher learn. Dr. Otis E. Lancaster told members of the Faculty Luncheon Club.

"If the students attain the objective of the course the teacher has attained, too. The more they achieve, the better," said Lancaster.

Lancaster, professor of engineering education, has been a member of a faculty committee which investigated ways of evaluating teachers last year. He believes that this is not a new problem, but a new approach is needed to study it. The investigating group asked

themselves the question "How would we like to be judged?"

Referring to examinations, Lancaster declared "we should list the objectives for each course and let teachers on achieving them." He explained his statement by citing the four areas concerning a course which the committee felt would aid in evaluating the teacher of the subject.

First, find out just what the students learned.

Second, how well do they proceed in the following course of the same subject?

Third, try to discover what the students actually think of their professor. "The student opinion cannot be overlooked," Lancaster said. The committee decided that the student should be asked his opinion two years after he has taken the course.

Fourth, what do our colleagues think? These student and faculty opinions, Lancaster said, would be asked by questionnaires similar to the ones which faculty members now receive.

To test their theories concerning evaluation, the group enlisted the help of the Department of English Composition. By selecting 15 English instructors and giving their classes uniform examinations, the committee could compare the results to responses they had received on questionnaires which were sent to students who had the course two years previous to this time.

## Hoffman Will Address Psychology Colloquium

Dr. Howard S. Hoffman, assistant professor of psychology, will address the Psychology Colloquium at noon today in the Hetzel Union Building.

He will speak on "Machine Produced Speech — Techniques in the Analysis of Verbal Communication."

## Cheerleading Tryouts Scheduled for Sunday

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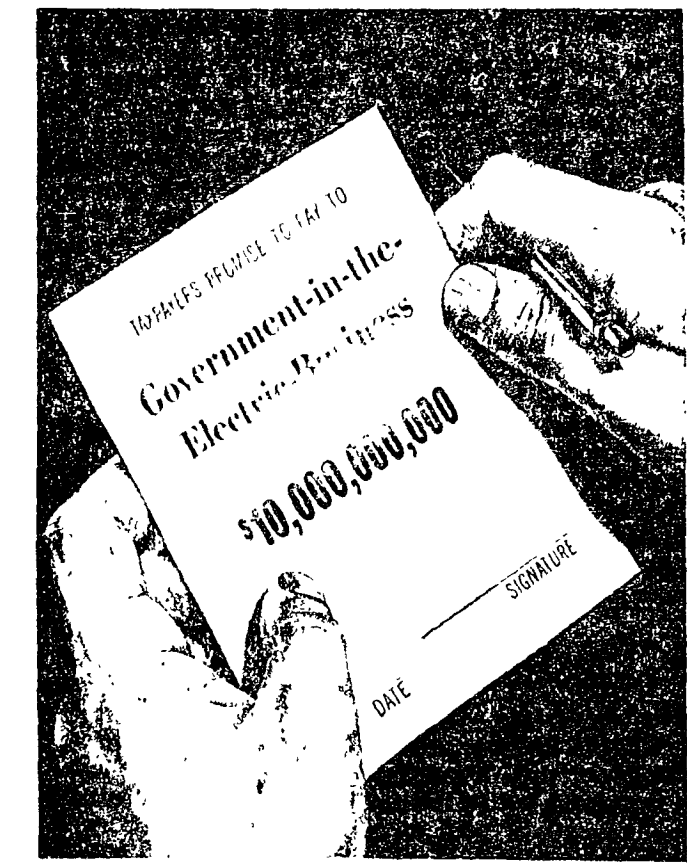
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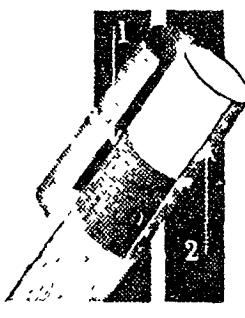
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